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THROUGH MAN'S TRICK

Ward of Court Taken From Chicago Industrial School  
by Man Who Posed as Brother—Married After  
Six Months of Illicit Relations—Annul-  
ment Now Sought.

Theresa Devino was 12 years old and an orphan when her brother discovered he could provide for her future by placing her in the care of the foster parents provided by the state of Illinois, the juvenile court. Less than a year later a man who coveted for illicit possession the child of not quite 13 took her away from her foster parents with no questions asked, according to a bill filed by Jeannette Bates and Alice Thompson, attorneys for the girl, who seek to have her marriage annulled.

The story of a crime against childhood carried on by easy trickery of the juvenile court, despite its corps

of investigators, despite its boast that its existence is necessary for the protection of just such children, is told in that petition for annulment.

Theresa's parents had both died before she was 12. Her only living relative was a brother eight years her senior. He didn't earn sufficient to provide for his little sister and he was doubtful if he could watch over her as she should be watched.

So he took his troubles to the juvenile court. He told them his little sister was dependent. He asked them to take care of her. And they agreed to do this by assuming the responsibility of sending Theresa, as a ward